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How to plan a

FOREST SHOW-ME TRIP



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WHAT DOES A Show-Me Trip Offer Your Club?

If you want to learn what a forest really is, you can do it best in the forest. If you see a conservation problem or project on the ground it is far easier to understand than if you gain your information from indoor discussion of the same subject.

Forest Service activities over the United States which may be visited include

- Watershed protection
- Wildlife and domestic livestock grazing
- Recreation
- Logging
- Fire control
- Experiments in forest management and wood utilization
- Land restoration (tree and grass planting and erosion control)

See your nearest Forest Service representative. If you plan a forest show-me trip a forest officer will go with you if you set a date when he can take time off from field work to serve as guide and teacher. He can help you select the most colorful and interesting places to visit. He can probably tell you, too, about seasons, road conditions and availability of lodging, food and water.

The Forest Service will give you background publications. Read and discuss them in meeting of your committee. You can get additional conservation material from other land-managing agencies in your community, Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State Conservation Department and others.

BEFORE YOU GO — A Word to Your Committee

The committee should inquire carefully and plan exactly so that it will be able to tell the women invited the purpose of the trip, where it will take them, the length of time and probable expense involved. Explain possible hazards — don't invite someone with a weak heart to take high altitude trips, for example!

Arrange for transportation when you have learned the number going. A bus may be chartered for some trips; passenger cars may be taken for others. Arrange for megaphones or loud speakers if needed. Be sure to check regarding driver responsibility. Accept the suggestions of the Forest Service man; he knows the ground.

Plan stops for meals and lodging after consulting with the guide. Get confirmation of reservations well in advance of the trip.

At least one week before trip confer again with the man who is to be the guide. Check off each step in preparations and agree on time of stops. Then list details briefly, in writing. See that each woman taking the trip has helpful information similar to the following:

1. Meet at Hotel Woods, 9:00 a.m. June 6.
Chartered bus will leave the hotel at 9:15.
(\$4.25 round trip)
2. The trip is over Wellersville Mountain and will take two days. We will be back at the hotel by 5:00 p.m. Saturday.
3. We will stay at Littletown Friday night.
Reservations have been made for you there.
Rates are \$2.50 single and \$4.00 double.

Advance information - Continued.

4. Bring your own lunch for Friday. The committee will prepare coffee and cold beverages at the camp where we stop at noon. All other meals will be taken at restaurants.
5. Wear sturdy shoes. There will be no mountain hiking, but some walking in the woods. Wear a sweater or jacket. It will be cool in the mountains.
6. Take a notebook and camera if you wish.
7. With the guide's help keep a good log of the trip.

When you have had this enjoyable outdoor experience — a Show-Me Trip — we believe you will be able to take back to your club a better understanding of the need of practical conservation of timber, water, forage, wildlife and recreation resources in your neighborhood, for the use of the people.

A FOREST CONSERVATION GOAL

To keep our forest lands productive,
To conserve forest growing stock, and
To build up annual timber growth —
So that the forests of the Nation,
Both public and private
Will sustain industry,
Provide more employment, and
Contribute fully to the prosperity, security, and well-being of the people.
At the same time our forests must protect watersheds, serve recreation and wildlife needs, and supply a multitude of other forest products and services in abundance.

